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For : INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC ACID
COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA
WHICH EXHIBIT AN IN VIVO STAIR-STEPPED
ABSORPTION CURVE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continuing examination of the
application in its merits, kindly amend the application as
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, under "Related Patent Applications"
please replace the paragraph with the following:¹

¹ An Appendix of Amendments, showing changes to the
specification, is attached. In the Appendix, additions and
deletions are indicated by underscore and brackets,
respectively.